

# EXERCISE 13A

Circle the letter of the best SYNONYM (the word or phrase most nearly the same as the word in bold-faced type).

1. to **discourse** on many subjects a. be informed b. converse  
c. meditate d. concur e. grow long-winded
2. a startling **ejaculation** a. discourse b. long sentence c. sigh  
d. murmur e. exclamation
3. **abject** poverty a. uplifting b. wretched c. endurable  
d. undeserved e. severe
4. the **celerity** of their response a. rudeness b. emotion  
c. conditions d. quickness e. importance
5. a **conglomeration** of artifacts a. creator b. box c. painter  
d. collector e. collection

Circle the letter of the best ANTONYM (the word or phrase most nearly opposite the word in bold-faced type).

6. **accelerated** the pace a. rushed b. slowed c. ignored  
d. recorded e. quickened
7. a famous **precursor** a. forerunner b. successor c. champion  
d. reformed user of swear words e. sprinter
8. an unwelcome **interjection** a. explosion b. grammar lesson  
c. sudden word d. long discourse e. interference

## Latin & Greek words for Lessons 11 - 13

Write the roots that have the following meanings, many have more than 1:

"way, street, road, journey"	_____	"runner"	_____
"to wander, to stray"	_____	"journey"	_____
"to throw"	_____	"ball"	_____
"to run"	_____	"at a distance"	_____
"to go"	_____	"across"	_____
"to come"	_____	"swift"	_____

Write a sentence showing the correct usage of the following Troublesome words

they're \_\_\_\_\_

their \_\_\_\_\_

there \_\_\_\_\_

its \_\_\_\_\_

it's \_\_\_\_\_

very \_\_\_\_\_

vary \_\_\_\_\_

too \_\_\_\_\_

to \_\_\_\_\_

**EXERCISE 13B**

Circle the letter of the sentence in which the word in bold-faced type is used incorrectly.

1. a. The one-time millionaire **incurred** financial ruin.  
b. After studying hard, teenagers like to **incur** their friends and relax.  
c. News reports told us about an **incursion** of Laotian troops into Cambodia.  
d. Snobbery in a new employee may **incur** resentment.
2. a. Great literature offers **succor** to readers through interpretation of universal problems.  
b. In the Biblical story the Good Samaritan takes a risk when he gives **succor** to a stranger.  
c. A Scottish woman known in San Francisco's Chinatown as the White Devil **succored** girls by rescuing them from slavery.  
d. When the shark took a large bite from the surfboard, the surfer shouted, "**Succor!**"
3. a. The people trapped at the top of the burning building **conjectured** themselves into the nets below.  
b. That the world's climate is changing because of the "greenhouse effect" is still only **conjecture**.  
c. Some scientists **conjecture** that a tenth planet may be orbiting the sun every 700 to 1,000 years.  
d. Can you **conjecture** what your life will be like in ten years?
4. a. Although the frightening creatures in *Where the Wild Things Are* at first stirred controversy, readers of all ages now **concur** in the excellence of the book.  
b. After much bitter **concurring** the family finally agreed on an itinerary from Seattle to Denver.  
c. The **concurrence** in 1989 of movements in Europe toward democracy after decades of communist rule surprised political observers.  
d. The large theater provides **concurrent** showings of eight different films.
5. a. When being introduced to royal personages one should be **abject** and either curtsy or bow.  
b. Millhands in nineteenth-century Britain worked in **abject** conditions with long hours and low pay.  
c. At the conclusion of World War I, Germany was **abject** in defeat.  
d. After the Armenian earthquake, victims suffered **abjectly** from their loss of food, shelter, and family.
6. a. In desert regions a season's first heavy rainfall sharply **accelerates** the life of plants, sending them into a frenzy of growing.  
b. Invading Spain in 711, the Moors **accelerated** the development of literature, science, and the arts to heights never surpassed in recorded history.  
c. **Accelerating** their voices, the cheerleaders could be heard throughout the stadium.  
d. **Acceleration** of winds from the hurricane sent high tides crashing on lowland beaches.

## EXERCISE 13C

Fill in each blank with the most appropriate word from Lesson 13. Use a word or any of its forms only once.

1. In antique shops you can find a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ of objects ranging from costly artifacts to useless junk.
2. Postal services promise \_\_\_\_\_ and care in mail delivery.
3. In the sentence, "Wow! What a victory," the word *wow* is a(n) \_\_\_\_\_; the whole sentence of four words is a(n) \_\_\_\_\_.
4. The parents felt \_\_\_\_\_ despair when they discovered their child missing from the campground.
5. Racers in the Indianapolis 500 must \_\_\_\_\_ quickly and maintain high speed throughout the 500-mile course.
6. "Right and victory do not always \_\_\_\_\_."  
—John Selden

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